

In the claims:

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below with changes shown.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of packaging software comprising:
providing a software package including a file having a name portion and a data portion;
digitally signing the data portion of the file for authentication purposes;
supplying information for inclusion in the software package; encoding the information into the name portion to generate an encoded name, the information including at least one of software settings, parameters and configuration information; and
modifying the software package by changing the name portion of the file to include the encoded name while preserving the digitally signed data portion.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising compressing the encoded name prior to modifying the name portion of the file.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 including receiving the modified software package by a user's computing device.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 including, downloading, by the user's computing device, the software package from a software package distribution site.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 including decoding, by the user's computing

device, the received software package to provide decoded information.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 including installing the received software package on the user's computing device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 including displaying the decoded information on the user's computing device for observation by the user.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information dynamically varies from software user to software use.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 including wrapping the name portion and the data portion together to form a wrapped software package.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 including providing the wrapped software package to the user's computing device.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 including unwrapping the wrapped software package by the user's computing device.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information includes user settings.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the information includes software

configuration information.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the data portion is an executable file.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of packaging software comprising:

receiving, by a distributor, software including a file having a name portion and a digitally signed data portion;

providing, by the distributor, dynamic information to be included with the software to form a software package;

encoding the dynamic information into the name portion to generate an encoded name, the dynamic information including at least one of software settings, parameters and configuration information; and

modifying the name portion of the file to include the encoded name while preserving the digitally signed data portion.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, by the distributor, the encoded name prior to modifying the name portion of the file.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 including receiving, by a users computing device, the software.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 including downloading, by the user's computing device, the software from the distributor.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 including decoding, by the user's computing device, the received software to provide decoded information.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 including installing the received software on the users computing device.
21. (Original) The method of claim 19 including displaying the decoded information on the user's computing device for observation by the user.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the information varies for each user that receives the software from the distributor.
23. (Original) The method of claim 15 including wrapping the name portion and the data portion together to form a wrapped software package.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 including providing the wrapped software to the users computing device.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24 including unwrapping the wrapped software by the users computing device.
26. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the information includes user

settings.

27. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the information includes software configuration information.

28. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the data portion is an executable file.